



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER

April/May 2020

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



Wednesday Night Recreational

Sailing



There were 17 boats who decided to exercise and breath some fresh air last Wednesday. DIAMOND was practicing race committee around 6 pm. They decided to anchor and do their practice and out of pure coincidence 16 boats sailed by (some within seconds) of the practice start horn and flag. In fact AVOCET was two seconds from the start horn with a chute, followed closely by IDA CLAIRE. Winds were Northerly so many vessels deployed their chute at the start. DIAMOND decided to stay anchored for awhile and enjoy some libations and they copied down the order of the fleet as they sailed home. DIAMOND could not see Boggy 1, but rumor has it that EPIPHANY made the turn at Boggy 1 with AVOCET then STICKMAN in hot pursuit.

The order of return were as follows:

16. KAYLA motered in.
15. CAPT AMERICA (Hobie 16)
14. HOBIE WON KENOBE (Hobie 16)
- 13 BANZAI (With and "A")
12. STELLA DE LA MAR
11. AMAZING GRACE
10. PURA VIDA
9. ISLAND GIRL
8. HOBIE GETAWAY (You need a name)
7. LOVELY CREWS
6. AVOCET
5. AUGUST MOON
4. EPIPHANY
3. STICKMAN
2. IDA CLAIRE
1. KAHLUA



If this was an official race only one KAHLUA chose to come by the race committee boat even though the "Come within hail" flag was flying. Therefore disqualifying the rest of the fleet. Sorry no points or beer KAHLUA.

Rumor has it that AVOCET will be practicing race committee at or around 6 pm on Wednesday 22 April.

Stay Healthy.

Wednesday Night Racing Czar, Brett E. Hinely



COMMODORE'S

CORNER

Ahoy sailors,

Our spring has arrived, possibly even more beautiful and warm than we could have hoped! Many of us have been working hard through the winter months, making investments and preparing our boats and ourselves for these moments. Never did we foresee this situation arising, where our work would take on a new importance as one of the few safe and responsible ways we can be active while we wait out this pandemic together.

First things first, I want you all to know that the safety and health of each of you means everything to me, personally, and to each bridge member. Doing our part during this time is a no-brainer. As I said to someone recently, I'd much rather see you for the many days to come, than take unnecessary risks for a short while.

Throughout March we adapted to the changing situation as each scheduled event came. I'd like to give special recognition to Tom McNally and Ramsty Siberski, as well as everyone who assisted them, for creating the Luck of the Draw Poker Run so we could enjoy a day out under the conditions of the time.

Now for April and May, we must adapt again.

Each of your Fleet Captains and your Rear Commodores are providing information about how they plan to adjust the schedules as things continue to change and eventually re-open. As a bridge we are in agreement that small boats are not like PHRF races and neither are like the Spring Cruise. Be sure to read their notes. We welcome your ideas and responses, and ask that you keep in mind that the schedules will be less than ideal this year. Any (safe and respectful) sailing will be better than being stuck on shore!

Speaking for the bridge, our hearts and thoughts go out to the sailors, friends and family who have been and will be affected: physically, emotionally, financially. Though we have been fortunate so far in our little corner of paradise, the impacts are certainly being felt here too - in jobs, in isolations, and those sickened in our community. I want to encourage each of you to continue to responsibly enjoy our sport as much as you are comfortable, and to take care of each other in our club. We are navigating through this together and we will restart together after.

See You Underway - Michael Morris, Commodore

Small Boats Racing

Small Boat Sailors! As you know, our official BBSC Small Boat Series is on "pause." So, while we wait to start up again, make sure you stay healthy and fit so you don't get beat when we resume!

Speaking of that, it turns out that Sunday at around 2:00 is a really good time to practice on your small boat for a several reasons: 1) You don't have to feel guilty skipping telework on a Sunday (like you just did all week), 2) The wind has usually filled in by 2 PM, 3) All the sidewalks in Niceville are PACKED by then with people...probably not safe..., and finally, 4) a bunch of us have decided to get our exercise on Sundays "practicing" to be race committee for small boats. It's a proven fact that blowing a whistle for the start clears your lungs, and that's an essential preventive measure to keep away 'da 'Rona!

If you want to get your exercise "practicing race committee," make sure you state your intentions on the BBSC Small Boat GroupMe so we can deconflict. If you're not on it (or don't know what that is) text me or email me and I'll add you and give you a GroupMe primer.

Hope to see you out there.
Joseph "RAMSTY" Siberski
Small-boat-captain@bbsc.com



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

I know we are definitely looking forward to the time when we can get back to PHRF racing. At that time we will start right in with the calendar as posted. We hope to be able to catch-up on some of the favorite events, with a priority to fit in the Commodore's Cup events - Sailfest, Round the Bay East, and West and Grand Finale. In the meantime, I hope you are able to take advantage of the opportunity to escape the craziness, and get out on your boat for an afternoon or a weekend.

Regards,
PHRF Fleet Captain, Tom McNally

BBSC Blast from the Past

When life returns to normal, one of the first events the club will be holding will be Sailfest. This will be 31st annual running. The first Sailfest was held on June 17, 1989 and was one of the largest events on the Bay. The August 1989 BBSC newsletter recapped the event:

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And in case you missed it, our own BBSC member, Emma Googin, won the Friday night celebrity race "Top-of-the-mast" Award. We told you she'd been out practicing!

Race results of Sailfest '89 are as follows:

Spinnaker A

1. Stan Wilusz BBSC
2. Doug Sansom PYC
3. Matt Schwab BBSC

Non-Spinnaker A

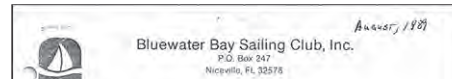
1. Greg Crosswhite BBSC
2. Chuck Laginess FWYC
3. Ron Higdon BBSC

Spinnaker B

1. John Harrison FWYC
2. Bob Lester FWYC
3. Gary Parsons BBSC

Non-Spinnaker B

1. Duane Davis BBSC
2. Mickey Duvall BBSC
3. Jack King BBSC

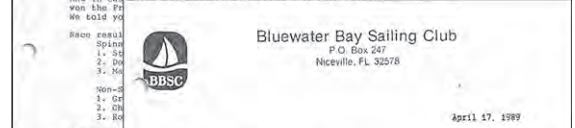


August, 1989
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Greetings from the Bridge

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Dear Sailor,

The Bluewater Bay Sailing Club and Bluewater Bay Development are pleased to forward the enclosed Notice of Regatta and entry form for Bluewater Bay Sailfest '89 to be held June 17. Sailfest '89 is the inauguration of what is expected to be one of the greatest events on the Gulf Coast. Activities begin on Friday, June 16 with a celebrity fun race followed by a shrimp boil on the beach. Saturday, there will be a pre-race continental breakfast on the docks. The race, in beautiful Choctawhatchee Bay, begins about 12 o'clock. We anticipate having two spinnaker and two non-spinnaker classes with awards for the first three places in each class. There will be a cocktail party Friday evening followed by dinner and dance at Ristorante La Fontana overlooking the marina. Awards will be presented at this time.

Bluewater Bay resort is located on the North shore of Choctawhatchee Bay, midway between Pensacola and Panama City. The full service marina is in Ward's Cove, off of Rocky Bayou. By car, take highway 20 East from Niceville. Bluewater Bay is about 1 1/2 miles east of the Rocky Bayou Bridge. There are ample accommodations with a special price for Sailfest '89 participants. Please see the enclosed form for information.

Entry deadline is May 26!!!. Space is limited, so I urge you to return your application immediately. Your \$30.00 entry fee includes the following for four individuals: T-shirt, shrimp boil, continental breakfast, two complimentary drink tickets at cocktail party, and dinner/dance. Additional T-shirt and dinner/dance reservations are available but they must be requested on your entry form.

I look forward to seeing you at Sailfest '89. We are committed to making sure this is a "first class" event. Please do not hesitate to contact Dick Lumsden, Bluewater Bay Development Co., (904) 897-3613, or myself at (904) 897-3933 if you require additional information.

Sincerely,
Jack King
Coastal

Crusin' Around



I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy right now. Zack (dad) and myself are working to make sure that as soon as we are able to get back to regularly scheduled broadcasting, we will have lots of great events for everyone to gather and catch up (in person) with all of the sailing club family! The next conference call for the Spring Cruise will be on April 30 at 6 PM. The phone number is 605-313-5927 and the pin number

592776#. By this date, we hope to know more details about the "Stay at Home" policy, information on what is available at various stops going both East and West, and hopefully we will have lots of great news to share and can make a plan for everyone to have a great cruise.

Cheers, Z & A - Rear Commodores

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